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## **Carson Announces Alabama-Quassarte Tribe to receive \$669,000 Grant**

*Alabama-Quassarte Tribe awarded Indian Community Development  
Block Grant*

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**Washington, D.C.** - Eastern Oklahoma Congressman Brad Carson (D-OK) announced today that the Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town, Wetumka, Oklahoma has been awarded \$669,900 in federal funding to construct a Community Services Center. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded the grant under the Indian Community Development program through its Southern Plains division. The Tribe is providing additional funds that make the total project around \$1 million dollars.

"This funding comes at an important time for the Alabama-Quassarte Tribe," Congressman Brad Carson commented. "Across Oklahoma, Indian Tribes are making advances in self-governance that improve conditions in rural areas. I appreciate Chief Tarpie Yargee's vision and dedication to making this project one that will benefit the entire community."

Chief Yargee commented that having a central location for all community services will make coordination and cooperation a reality. "This is what we have been striving for," Chief Yargee stated, "With this facility, we can make better use of current resources and have a greater capacity to expand our assets for the entire community, we all live here together, so those things that benefit the Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town, benefit Wetumka and the whole area. We look forward to greater opportunities for inter-governmental projects in the near future," he concluded.

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“The Indian Community Development Block Grant program is an essential tool to assist rural communities in managing resources and expanding services that are often available only in large metropolitan areas,” Congressman Carson stated. “Many smaller Tribes in Oklahoma lack the resources needed to provide essential human services in rural areas. As a result, these Block Grants truly make a difference.”

“I have always been a strong advocate for sovereignty of Indian Tribes,” added Carson. “By working to strengthen the relationship between the federal, state and tribal governments, the entire state can benefit.”

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